

Opening Service

Martin Luther College



August 21, 2017
10:15 a.m.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord
CW 176

Welcome to worship. Please stand as the hymn is introduced. Face the cross at the back of the Chapel and follow its path to the chancel, where it becomes the focus of Christian worship.

**Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord!
May all your graces be outpoured
On each believer's mind and heart;
Your fervent love to them impart.
Lord, by the brightness of your light
In holy faith your church unite
From ev'ry land and ev'ry tongue;
This to your praise, O Lord our God, be sung:
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Come, holy Light, Guide divine,
And cause the Word of life to shine.
Teach us to know our God aright
And call him Father with delight.
From ev'ry error keep us free;
Let none but Christ our Master be
That we in living faith abide,
In him, our Lord, with all our might confide.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Come, holy Fire, Comfort true;
Grant us the will your work to do
And in your service to abide;
Let trials turn us not aside.
Lord, by your pow'r prepare each heart,
And to our weakness strength impart
That bravely here we may contend,
Through life and death to you, our Lord, ascend.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.** *(spoken)*

DIALOGUE

Based on Isaiah 55

M: Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.

C: **Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed are those who take refuge in him.**

M: See, I have made my Servant a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of the peoples. Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations that do not know you will hasten to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendor.

C: **Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.**

M: Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let us forsake our wicked ways and our evil thoughts. Let us turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on us.

C: **Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.**

M: You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.

C: **My mouth will tell of your righteousness, of your salvation all day long. Since my youth, O God, you have taught me, and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds.**

HYMN

Holy God, We Praise Your Name
CW 278

All: **Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow before you.
All on earth your scepter claim; All in heav'n above adore you.
Infinite your vast domain, Everlasting is your reign.**

Men: **Blest Redeemer, virgin's Son,
Over death his vict'ry claiming,**
Women: **Now ascended to his throne,
Judge and king, his grace proclaiming,
Opens heav'n to all his own.**
All: **Praise and thanks to God alone!**

All: **Holy Father, Holy Son. Holy Spirit, three we name you;
Though in essence only one, Undivided God we claim you,
Then, adoring, bend the knee And confess the mystery.**

M: Almighty God, you have committed to your Church the task of making disciples of all nations. As we begin another school year at Martin Luther College, keep this task before us. Enlighten those who teach and those who learn with your wisdom, that, rejoicing in the knowledge of your truth, we may worship and serve you from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns in perfect unity with the Father and the Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.** (*spoken*)

Be seated

FIRST LESSON

Joshua 1:7-9

Sing: **Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go**
CW 518

**Forth in the peace of Christ we go; Christ to the world with joy we bring,
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips, Christ in our hearts, the world's true King.**

**King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings; Kingship with him his servants gain.
With Christ the Servant-Lord of all, Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.**

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:14-15

Sing:

Priests to the world, yes, royal priests As members of Christ's family,
Cleansed by the great high priestly death, We preach atonement full and free.

Christ on our lips, his Word we speak. Prophets are we whose deeds proclaim
Christ's truth in love that we may be Christ in the world, to spread Christ's name.

Stand for the Gospel.

GOSPEL

Mark 10:42-45

Following the Gospel the minister says:

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Be seated.

HYMN

On Galilee's High Mountain

CW 557

1. On Galilee's high mountain
Christ gave the great command
In words of strength and promise
Which all can understand:
"All pow'r to me is given
To do what I shall choose.
Therefore I send my children;
Their witness I will use."
2. The Lord, who, born of Mary,
Came down as man and died,
Who preached to all who listened,
For us was crucified.
This Lord, our living brother,
In pow'r at God's right hand
Has chosen us to carry
His truth to ev'ry land.
3. His strength within my weakness
Will make me bold to say
How his redeeming power
Transforms my stubborn clay.
His touch of fire ignites me;
With courage I am sent,
My tongue-tied silence broken,
With grace made eloquent.
4. And not alone to nations
In far-away retreats,
But ev'rywhere I broadcast
His love through crowded streets.
The lives that my life touches,
However great or small—
Let them through me see Jesus,
Who served and saved us all.

SERMON

Matthew 4:19

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."

RITE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Catherine Biedenbender	Lead Teacher, Early Childhood Learning Center
Rachel Feld	Director of Academic Computing and Professor of Educational Technology
Rachel Fredrich	Professor of Mathematics
Timothy Grundmeier	Professor of History
Galen Holzhueter	Admissions Counselor
Jonathan Laabs	Professor of Music
Kari A. Munte	Professor of History/Social Science
Angela Scharf	Director of Women's Services
Paul Spaude	Dormitory Supervisor and Instructor
Tyson Zarnstorff	Professor of Mathematics

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF ADJUNCT INSTRUCTORS

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Christ Jesus. Guide the work of the Church. Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your Word, and bring salvation to people everywhere. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit guides the Church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold all who serve you and your people. Keep them in health and safety for the good of the Church. Help each of us to do faithfully the work to which you have called us. Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Almighty and eternal God, enable those who do not acknowledge Christ to receive the truth of the gospel. Help us, your Church, to grow in love for you and for one another, so that we may become more perfect witnesses of your love for all people. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Almighty and eternal God, graciously direct those who have been set in positions of authority among us, so that people everywhere may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation. Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. In your mercy hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in need. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: **Amen.** (*spoken*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation
CW 531

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ our head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious,
Binding all the Church in one,
Holy Zion's help forever
And our confidence alone.

Grant, we pray, to all your faithful
All the gifts they ask to gain,
What they gain from you forever
With the blessed to retain,
And hereafter in your glory
Evermore with you to reign.

Participants

Presiding Minister

Rev. Mark G. Zarling
MLC President

Preacher

Rev. Michael Spaude
Ascension Lutheran Church, Antigo, Wisconsin

Organist

Professor Adrian Smith
MLC Music Professor

Cross and Candles

Rev. John C. Boeder
Evan Arrowsmith
Sam Lor

New Faculty Members - Martin Luther College

Catherine Biedenbender

Cathy grew up in New Ulm MN, where she attended St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School. She graduated from Martin Luther Preparatory School in 1981 and Dr. Martin Luther College in 1985. Her first assignment was to St. Stephen's Lutheran School in Adrian MI. She has also taught at Trusting Hearts Preschool in Manitowoc WI, the MLC Early Childhood Learning Center in New Ulm MN, and Sienna Lutheran Academy in Missouri City TX. She is now serving as lead toddler teacher at the MLC Early Childhood Learning Center. Cathy is married to David Biedenbender. They have four daughters and two sons-in-law.

Rachel Feld

Rachel grew up in Aurora CO, where she attended Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church and School. She graduated from Luther Preparatory School in 2001 and Martin Luther College in 2006. She was assigned to Bethany Lutheran School in Kenosha WI, where she taught grades 1-2 and served as organist for 11 years. In 2015 she graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran College with a master's degree in education focusing on instructional technology. She is currently attending Concordia University-Chicago and hopes to graduate in 2020 with a doctorate in instructional technology leadership. Rachel is excited to share her love of technology with the students and faculty at MLC.

Rachel Fredrich

Rae was born in Watertown WI to Prof. and Mrs. Joel (Jan) Fredrich. She attended grade school at St. Mark's, Watertown, and St. Paul's, New Ulm. She graduated as valedictorian of Minnesota Valley LHS in 2005 and was named a National Merit Scholar. In 2009 she graduated from the University of Minnesota-Morris with a B.A. in mathematics and secondary education licensure. Her first position was at New Ulm High School, where she taught math and coached Knowledge Bowl and Speech. In 2014 she accepted a call to St. Croix LHS, where she taught math, STEM, and Latin and coached Math League. Rae earned a master's degree in math education from Western Governors University in 2015 and now serves as a professor of mathematics at MLC.

Timothy Grundmeier

Tim was born, baptized, and raised in Houston TX, where he attended Christ the Lord Lutheran Church and School. From 1997 to 2000, his family lived in Stavanger, Norway, where he was homeschooled and confirmed at St. Lukas Evangelisk-Lutherske Forsamling. He graduated from Luther Preparatory School in 2003 and Martin Luther College in 2007. For his pastoral training, he attended Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary and served as vicar at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Okauchee WI. He earned a master's degree in history from Minnesota State University-Mankato and is in the process of completing a doctorate in history from Baylor University in Waco TX. Tim and his wife, Erika (nee Schreiner), have three children: Emma (6), Ryan (3), and Haddie (1). His brother-in-law, Troy Schreiner, a pastor in Appleton WI, is participating in the ordination.

Galen Holzhueter

Galen lives in Mankato MN, where he has been a lifelong member of St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church. He graduated from Minnesota Valley LHS in 2010 and Martin Luther College in 2015 with a B.S. in elementary education. He taught grades 3-4 for one year at Risen Savior Lutheran School in Mankato and served one year as a part-time admissions counselor at MLC. During those two years, Galen earned a master's degree in educational leadership from Minnesota State University-Mankato. In spring, he received a one-year assignment to serve as a full-time admissions counselor at MLC.

Jonathan Laabs

Jonathan graduated from Martin Luther College in 2008 and was assigned to Kettle Moraine LHS, where he served until 2013 directing the choirs, teaching music theory and physical education, and coaching track and field. Since then, he has been directing the choirs at Trinity in Waukesha WI, teaching as an adjunct voice instructor at Falls Baptist College of Ministry in Menomonee Falls WI, and singing professionally with Bel Canto Chorus of Milwaukee. He is also the artistic director of Canticum Novum: A WELS Chamber Choir. Recently, he completed a Master of Music in choral conducting from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Jon and his wife, Erin, who will serve as Forum advisor, have two daughters: Genevieve and Mariah. They are excited to join the MLC family.

Kari Muenta

Dr. Muenta grew up in Milwaukee WI as a member of St. Mark's in Brown Deer. She graduated from Wisconsin LHS in 1987. After several years attending UW-Oshkosh and UW-Milwaukee and working full-time, in 1995 she enrolled at Martin Luther College. After graduating, she taught social studies, coached, and directed theater productions at Luther Preparatory School and later at Rocky Mountain LHS. After earning a master's degree in learning, teaching, and curriculum from the University of Missouri in 2013, Kari resigned her call and moved to Columbia MO to work full-time on her doctorate. While fulfilling her graduate studies, she taught courses for Mizzou's College of Education and at Ohio State-Lima. In May 2017 she received a doctoral degree in learning, teaching, and curriculum with an emphasis in social studies education. Kari is now serving as a professor of social science/history education at MLC.

Angela Scharf

Angie grew up with her eight sisters and five brothers in West Allis WI, where they attended Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and School. She graduated from Northwestern Preparatory School in 1995 and from Martin Luther College in 1999. After graduating, she taught English, coached, and directed plays at Luther Preparatory School and then at Evergreen LHS. The 2007-2008 school year was spent in Plzen, Czech Republic, where she taught at Martin Luther School. Since then, Angie has enjoyed various occupations that enabled her to travel and see God's beautiful creation while coming into contact with many who needed to know their Savior's love. As the new director of women's services and the MLC Daylight program assistant, she is looking forward to working with and encouraging the synod's future full-time workers and laypeople.

Paul Spaude

Paul was born to Reverend Michael Spaude and his wife, Rachel, on April 10, 1991. He grew up in Antigo WI, where he went through the public school system, graduating from high school in 2009. Following his graduation from MLC in 2013, he attended Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. During his 2015-2016 seminary school year, he served as vicar at Sure Foundation Lutheran Church in Woodside NY. Paul has four siblings: Katie Koelpin, Laura Stuebs, David Spaude, and Dan Spaude. He looks forward to teaching theology and supervising the Summit dormitory during his time at Martin Luther College.

Tyson Zarnstorff

Tyson grew up in Anchorage AK as a member of Faith Lutheran Church. His parents, Thomas and Cindy, have taught at Faith for many years. Tyson graduated from Evergreen LHS in 2000 and Martin Luther College in 2005. He was assigned to Grace Lutheran Church in Lowell AR, where he taught grades 3-5 and departmentalized math. In 2008 he earned a master's degree in mathematics education from Western Governors University. In 2013 he accepted a call to Divine Savior Academy in Doral FL. There he taught middle school math and science for three years and high school math for one year. Tyson and his wife, Rachel, are blessed with four daughters: Natasha (17), Nicole (16), Noelle (5), and Nadia (4). He is excited to serve MLC as a professor of mathematics.

Martin Luther College Adjunct Instructors (2017-18)

Bethel A. Balge	Keyboard	Judith L. Martens	Keyboard
David K. Biedenbender	Physical Education	Erin J. Meissner	Wind Symphony, Music
Bethel J. Boeder	Keyboard, Musical	Carlotta L. Ohm	Keyboard
Ramona M. Czer	English	Carrie F. Pfeifer	Special Education & Psychology
Janet L. Fredrich	Mathematics	Joyce C. Schubkegel	Keyboard, Organ
James R. Grunwald	Online Learning	Ronald L. Shilling	Organ
John C. Gunderson	Spanish	Jeneane M. Thiesfeldt	Keyboard, Organ
Jennifer E. Haugen	Voice	Marianne E. Vogel	Keyboard
Brian P. Hopp	History	Wayne L. Wagner	Organ
Erin R. Laabs	Forum Advisor	Elizabeth J. Wiechman	Keyboard
Alanna M. Lienig	Special Education	Kathryn M. Wurster	Voice